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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/695,802	<b>Applicant(s)</b> TAKAHASHI ET AL.	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 02 November 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

See attachment.

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**Attachment to the Response to 312 Amendment**

1. The IDS filed 2 November 2007 has been treated as an amendment under Rule 312 (see MPEP 714.16). It has been entered and considered. A completed form 1449 is attached. The references disclosed in the IDS are taken as being cumulative to those of record. In particular JP-A 2001-192818 (relied upon as the base reference in the 4 September 2007 JPO office action) appears to be cumulative to the Inaki et al. reference of record in that it involves etching to form a surface roughness.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William P. Watkins III whose telephone number is 571-272-1503. The examiner works an increased flex time schedule, but can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 11:30 A.M. through 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time. The examiner returns all calls within one business day unless an extended absence is noted on his voice mail greeting.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William P. Watkins III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "I" at the end.

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**WILLIAM P. WATKINS III**  
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